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Inventor(s): David J.C. Johnson & Jonathan P. Lotz**Serial No.: 10/001,586****Examiner: Elmore, Reba I.****Filing Date: 10/31/2001****Group Art Unit: 2187**

**Title: PREEMPTIVE EVICTION OF STALE ENTRIES IN A COMPUTER CACHE BY USE
OF AGE-BITS**

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REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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REMARKS

No new matter has been added. Claims 1-4 remain in the application.
Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In paper 3, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0152361 (Dean *et al.*). Applicant respectfully traverses.

In paper 3, paragraph 4, "Dean *et al.*" was cited, without a patent or publication number. There were two "Dean *et al.*" references in the Notice of References Cited. However, from context, the applicant assumes U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0152361 is the intended document.

Claims 1-4 specify evicting an entry in a cache when a bit is at a particular logical state after at least a predetermined time after being set to the particular logical state. In Dean *et al.*, an entry in a cache is evicted when a field of bits reaches a particular value.

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(X) No additional fee
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INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
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